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SUBJECT: TURNOVER OF PACELLI ALLEE PROPERTY TO FREE UNIVERSITY

1. AS CONSEQUENCE OF REMOVING OBSOLETE C-E ANTENNAS FROM AFN TRANSMITTING SITE ON PACELLI ALLEE (DAHLEM), USCOB HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE TO TURN OVER APPROXIMATELY TWO-THIRDS OF SITE TO FREE UNIVERSITY FOR USE AS SPORTS COMPLEX. (AFN WILL CONTINUE TO TRANSMIT FROM REMAINING ONE-THIRD.) MOVE MEETS LONGSTANDING REQUEST FROM UNIVERSITY FOR UTILIZATION OF PROPERTY.

2. MISSION IS COORDINATING WITH SENAT PRESS OFFICER ON APPROPRIATE PUBLICITY FOR TURNOVER, INCLUDING PHOTOS OF ANTENNA REMOVAL OPERATION, AND PLANS ISSUE FOLLOWING RELEASE ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14:

BEGIN QUOTE:

MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM W. COBB, U.S. COMMANDANT, ANNOUNCED TODAY THE RELINQUISHMENT OF LAND ON PACELLIE ALLEE THUS MAKING POSSIBLE THE COMPLETION OF A FREE UNIVERSITY SPORTS AREA AND A NEW CITY STREET IN DAHLEM.

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GENERAL COBB, IN KEEPING WITH U.S. POLICY OF CONTINUALLY REVIEWING ITS NEEDS, AGREED TO A REQUEST FROM THE BERLIN SENAT TO MAKE AVAILABLE ELEVEN HECTARES OF A SEVENTEEN-HECTARE AREA NOW BEING USED BY THE U.S. COMMAND AS A RADIO ANTENNA SITE.

THE BERLIN SENAT WILL MAKE THE LAND AVAILABLE TO THE FREE UNIVERSITY, WHICH PLANS TO CONSTRUCT A SPORTS COMPLEX ON THE SITE STARTING IN 1976.

PLANNED IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND MADE POSSIBLE BY ACCESS TO THE LAND IS A STREET BETWEEN THE PRESENT REAR BOUNDARY OF THE PROPERTY AND THE U-BAHN TRACKS.

OF THE ANTENNAS CURRENTLY ON THE SITE, ONLY TWO TOWERS WHICH SERVE AFN BERLIN WILL BE LEFT IN ONE CORNER. WORK HAS ALREADY BEGUN TO REMOVE THE REMAINING ANTENNAS. END QUOTE.KLEIN

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